

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In view of the amendments above and the remarks and arguments presented below, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-28 were previously pending.

Claim 14 is amended in this Response so that claim 14 and the claims dependent therefrom encompass only Group I, the invention elected for examination below. No new matter is introduced by this claim amendment.

Claims 16 and 18 are canceled in this Response without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Claims 4-10 and 19-28 are withdrawn in this Response without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Upon entry of this Response, claims 1-3, 11-15, and 17 are pending and at issue.

II. Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action mailed March 20, 2009, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following four Groups under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 & 372.

Group I: claims 1-3 and 11-18, drawn to a method for analyzing an interaction between a sugar chain and a protein in which the protein is immobilized on a substrate.

Group II: claims 4-6, 23, 25, and 27, drawn to a method for analyzing an interaction between a sugar chain and a protein in which the subject glycoconjugate is immobilized on a substrate.

Group III: claims 7-10, 14-18, 24, 26, and 28, drawn to a method for analyzing an interaction between a sugar chain and a protein in which a protein that does not react with the sugar chain of a glycoconjugate is immobilized.

Group IV: claims 19-22, drawn to a method for making a substrate.

In response, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-3, 11-15, and 17, without traverse, claims 16 and 18 having been canceled in this Response.

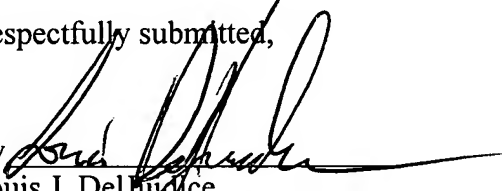
CONCLUSION

An early examination is respectfully requested. It is believed that pending claims 1-3, 11-15, and 17 are in immediate condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that they be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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